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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Ser. No.: 10/663,138	Filed: September 16, 2003	Examiner: Engle
Art Unit: 3612	Title: <b>FRAME STRUCTURE FOR VEHICLE TAILGATE</b>	


To the Commissioner for Patents:

Transmitted herewith is a *Response to Office Action* in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims remaining after amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For	No. of Extra Claims Present	Rate	Additional Rate
Total Claims	22	Minus	22	0	X \$50	\$0.00
Indep. Claims	3	Minus	3	0	X \$200	\$0.00
TOTAL					=	\$0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No additional fee is believed due however, if this is not the case, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any and all fees to Deposit Account No. 06-0308.					
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Applicant(s) hereby petition the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and request a <b>month extension of time</b> to respond to the outstanding Office Action.					

Respectfully submitted,

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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

INVENTOR(S) : Kenichi Kitayama et al.  
TITLE : **FRAME STRUCTURE FOR  
VEHICLE TAILGATE**  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed November 16, 2005, on the above-referenced patent application, Applicant(s) respectfully request reconsideration of the application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.